

California Joint Task Force

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID C. HAWKINS

Deputy Commander (Air)
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Lt Col David C. Hawkins is assigned to Joint Forces Headquarters, California Air National Guard located in Sacramento, California. He is the Chief of Plans, serving four flying wings and the 162nd Combat Communications Group. Currently he serving as the Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force California, supporting gulf coast relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

His military career began in 1989 with commissioning as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Hawkins attended Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB, California. He graduated in 1990 and after follow on training at Luke Holloman AFB, was assigned to the 336 Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina where he served as a Weapons Systems Officer and Electronic Warfare Officer in the F15-E aircraft. He flew in support of Operation Southern Watch and served at US Central Command in Riyadh assigning multi-service aircraft against specified targets.

Subsequently Hawkins received his navigator wings and flew combat missions in support of Operation Joint Endeavor in 1995. In 1994 he was transferred to Edwards AFB where he served as an F15 Mission Design Series Experimental and Operational Flight Test Weapons Systems Officer validating hardware and software upgrades on highly modified, unique F15B/D/E/S aircraft. Additionally he served Chief of Training, Standardization/Evaluation, and Safety. In 1997 Lt Col Hawkins transferred to Nellis AFB, Nevada where he had the opportunity to serve in the elite USAF Aggressors unit, serving as a platform instructor to the Combined Air Forces, on the latest exploited doctrine and tactics of Soviet and gray nation weapons systems. In 1997 he transferred from Nellis AFB to the 144 FW, Fresno ANGB, California, to take on a new challenge as the Chief of Current Operations C26B Counter Narcotics aircraft. He served as an Evaluator Mission Systems Officer flying operational counter narcotics missions both domestically and internationally. In 2004 Lt Col Hawkins transferred to his current position as the Chief of Plans Air Division, Joint Forces Headquarters, CA ANG, Sacramento California. He has flown 58 combat missions in support of operations in the Middle East and South America.

Hawkins has logged nearly 3400 flight hours in F15 B/D/E/S, F16, C26B and a variety of other aircraft.

EDUCATION:

2005 Air War College (in progress)

2002 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

1997 Adversary Tactics Course, Nellis AFB NV correspondence

1996 USAF Aircraft Mishap Course

1995 Squadron Officer School

1989 Bachelor of University Studies of Science degree in University Studies, University of New Mexico